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REMARKS

The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121, to one of the following inventions:

Group I, claims 1-11, drawn to a toe pad; **or**

Group II, claims 12-13, drawn to a method of making a toe pad; **or**

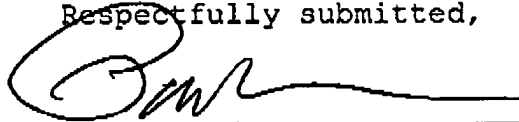
Group III, claims 14-16, drawn to a method of using the pad.

Applicant elects Group III, claims 14-16, drawn to a method of using the pad.

The Examiner's election or restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. The Examiner has not established a serious burden if restriction is not required. The groups are related. It is unlikely that any additional search would pose a substantial burden.

Therefore, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider the present application, withdraw the restriction requirement, and indicate allowable subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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